### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

MICHAEL TEDESCHI, II,	) CASE NO.:
Plaintiff,	) ) JUDGE:
v.	)
CONTINENTAL SERVICE GROUP, INC,	NOTICE OF REMOVAL
Defendant.	) ) )

Now comes Defendant Continental Service Group, Inc., pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1367, 1441, and 15 U.S.C. § 1692k, and files this Notice of Removal, and in support hereof sets forth the following grounds:

- 1. On or after September 22, 2011, Defendant was served with Plaintiff's Complaint, a copy of which is attached hereto, in an action entitled <u>Michael Tedeschi, II v. Continental Service Group, Inc.</u>, filed of record with the Clerk of Court for the 52/3 Judicial District, State of Michigan, Case No. 11-C06150.
- 2. Plaintiff's Complaint purports to set forth a cause of action under the "Fair Debt Collection Practices Act" 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692 et seq.
- 3. This Court has original jurisdiction over Plaintiff's cause of action based on 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq., as set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d). Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441, therefore, the civil action pending in the 52/3 Judicial District, State of Michigan, is removable to this Court.
- 4. Defendant has filed Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint with the Clerk of the 52/3 Judicial District, State of Michigan.
- 5. Copies of all process, pleadings and orders served upon Defendant in this action are attached hereto.
- 6. Thirty (30) days have not yet expired since receipt of Plaintiff's Complaint.
- 7. Defendant will provide written notice of the filing of this Notice of Removal to Plaintiff by ordinary mail and will also forward a Notice for filing with the Clerk of Court, 52/3 Judicial District, State of Michigan regarding this Notice of Removal.

WHEREFORE, Defendant prays that the above-captioned action now pending in the 52/3 Judicial Circuit, State of Michigan, be removed therefrom and placed on the regular docket of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Jeffrey C. Turner Jeffrey C. Turner (OH # 0063154) SURDYK, DOWD & TURNER CO., L.P.A. One Prestige Place, Suite 700 Miamisburg, OH 45342

Tel.: (937) 222-2333 Fax: (937) 222-1970 jturner@sdtlawyers.com Trial Attorney for Defendant

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing was served via U.S. mail to the following on October 21, 2011:

Michael Tedeschi, II 2409 Beacon Hill Drive Rochester Hills, MI 48309 Plaintiff Pro se

/s/Jeffrey C. Turner

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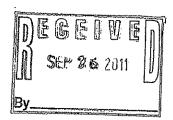
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Continental Service Group, Inc. 200 CrossKeys Office Park Fairport, NY 14450-

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#### ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

Michael Tedeschi II, etc., Pltf. vs. Continental Service Group Inc, etc., Dft. TITLE OF ACTION:

Name discrepancy noted.

Summons, Proof of Service Form, Complaint and Jury Demand DOCUMENT(S) SERVED:

COURT/AGENCY: 52-3 District Court, Oakland County, MI

Case # 11C06150

Violation of The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act for unlawful debt collection NATURE OF ACTION:

methods, acts and practices

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED: The Corporation Company, Bingham Farms, MI

By Certified Mail on 09/22/2011 postmarked on 09/21/2011 DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE:

**JURISDICTION SERVED:** Michigan APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE: 12/21/2011

Michael Tedeschi II, Pro Se 2409 Beacon Hill Drive Rochester Hills, MI 48309 ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S):

248-652-8765

SOP Papers with Transmittal, via Fed Ex Priority Overnight, 797550794275 **ACTION ITEMS:** 

SIGNED: The Corporation Company Stephanie Hendrickson PER: ADDRESS: 30600 Telegraph Road

Bingham Farms, MI 48025-5720

TELEPHONE: 248-646-9033

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SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT Case No.

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CERTIFICATE / AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE / NONSERVICE ☐ AFFIDAVIT OF PROCESS SERVER OR ☐ OFFICER CERTIFICATE Being first duly sworn, I state that I am a legally competent I certify that I am a sheriff, deputy sheriff, bailiff, appointed adult who is not a party or an officer of a corporate party, and court officer, or attorney for a party [MCR 2.104(A)(2)], and (notarization required) (notarization not required) I served personally a copy of the summons and complaint, ☐ I served by registered or certified mail (copy of return receipt attached) a copy of the summons and complaint, together with List all documents served with the Summons and Complaint on the defendant(s): Complete address(es) of service Day, date, time Defendant's name I have personally attempted to serve the summons and complaint, together with any attachments on the following defendant(s) and have been unable to complete service. Complete address(es) of service Day, date, time Defendant's name Signature Service fee Miles traveled Mileage fee Total fee \$ County, Michigan. Subscribed and sworn to before me on Signature: My commission expires: Deputy court clerk/Notary public Notary public, State of Michigan, County of . **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SERVICE** I acknowledge that I have received service of the summons and complaint, together with Attachments Day, date, time on behalf of

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#### STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE 52-3 DISTRICT COURT

Michael Tedeschi II

Plaintiff

-VS-

Case No. 1/-C06150

Continental Service Group Inc.

Hon.

Defendant

Michael Tedeschi II In Pro Per 2409 Beacon Hill Drive

2409 Beacon Hill Drive Rochester Hills, Mi 48309 (248) 652-8765

Continental Service Group, Inc. P O Box 457

Fairport, NY 14450-0457

(800) 633 7945

**COMPLAINT & JURY DEMAND** 

The Plaintiff states the following claims for relief:

#### **Parties**

The Plaintiff to this lawsuit is, Michael Tedeschi II, "Michael", who resides in Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan.

The Defendant to this lawsuit is, Continental Service Group, Inc, "ConServe", a foreign corporation and collection agency operating in Michigan.

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#### **General Allegations**

On or about 1 April of 2011, ConServe, or their appointed
agent or employee called the home phone number (248) 652 8765 of Michael.
In that phone communication, The Caller ID shows UNAVAILABLE, in the name window with the number 585-421-1000 listed below.

The call was answered by digital recorder and no message recorded.

- 2. Calls repeated in this fashion via an electronic telephone device for several days on and off without meaningful disclosure of who was calling or for what purpose. Failing to identify themselves and state the purpose of debt collection.
- 3. On or about 7 April 2011, Michael did receive a letter via US Mail from ConServe dated 4 April 2011. The letter states a debt owed to the Department Of Education, the return address is for the National Payment Center of that agency. There by giving the false appearance that ConServe, is part of the United States government.
- 4. Further, the letter lists the full social security number of Michael, and contains no thirty day notice for dispute as provided by law.
- 5. The letter then states, "We have recently have been informed that you filed Bankruptcy and subsequently received a discharge"
- 6. ConServe would have had to discuss the debt of Michael with a third party to obtain knowledge of a bankruptcy.
- This information is wrong, I have never declared bankruptcy.

- 8. In researching "ConServe", I have found no d/b/a for this name, but an entity operating in the state of Michigan named, Continental Service Group, Inc.
- 9. ConServe is using an unregistered assumed business identity.
- 10. On 7 April 2011, a letter was sent via USPS first class mail to ConServe denying the allegations and demanding to know the source of the erroneous information within ten days.
- 11. On 11 April 2011, a Cease and Desist letter was sent via fax to 585 598 6120 and via USPS First Class postage CERTIFED MAIL RETURN RECIPET REQUESTED due to the more than ten hang up calls, from ConServe that did also now extend to 248 854 4026, the cell phone of a family member.
- 12. Validation of the debt was requested of the Department of Education on 13 April 2011. On 3 May 2011, they returned a master promissory note in the name of Frank Tedeschi, signed by Michael Tedeschi, revealing the social security numbers of both persons, neither of which match that of Michael.
- 13. ConServe and the Department of Education failed to validate the debt.
- 14. On 3 May 2011, Michael again contacted the Department of Education, via USPS First Class postage CERTIFED MAIL RETURN RECIPET REQUESTED pointing out the documentation received was wrong, and again demanding validation of the debt, n0 reply has been received as of 21 Sept 2011.
- 15. On 11 May 2011, without response to the letter sent ConServe of 7 April 2011 for the source of the erroneous information contained in the

original correspondence of 4 April 2011, Michael again demanded that information via USPS First Class postage CERTIFED MAIL RETURN RECIPET REQUESTED, specifically stating that providing the information would not be a violation of the cease and desist, and that failure to do so would result in legal action. No Response has been received as of 21 September 2011.

#### COUNT I - Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA)

Plaintiff incorporates the preceding allegations by reference.

Plaintiff has suffered damages as a result of these violations of the FDCPA. ConServes actions to collect this alleged debt from Plaintiff violated the provisions of FDCPA including but not limited to: 15 U.S.C. 1692b § 804 (1),(2), § 805, (b), (c), § 806 (5),(6), § 807 (1), (2)(A), (8),(10) § 808 (1), (5), § 809 (a) (3),(4),(5), (b)

Plaintiff entitled to \$1000.00 per violation of each of the provisions above.

#### **COUNT II – Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991 ("TCPA")**

Plaintiff incorporates the preceding allegations by reference.

The policy, procedures, method and acts of ConServe or its representatives are numerous and multiple violations of the TCPA, including but not limited to 47U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)(iii).

ConServe (s) violations are multiple, repeated, willful and intentional.

Pursuant to the TCPA, 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B), Plaintiff is entitled to statutory damages of \$500.00 per violation.

Pursuant to TCPA, 47 U.S.C. §§ 227(b)(3), Plaintiff is entitled to statutory damages of \$1,500.00 per willful or knowing violation.

#### **COUNT III - Michigan Collection Practices Act**

Plaintiff (s) incorporate the preceding allegations by reference.

ConServe is a regulated company for purposes of the Michigan Collection

Practices Act, M.C.L.§445.251 et seq. ("MCPA"). ConServe has violated the

MCPA. Plaintiff has suffered damages as a result of these violations of the

MCPA.

#### **Demand for Jury Trial**

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury in this action.

#### **Demand for Judgment for Relief**

Accordingly, Plaintiff requests that the Court grant:

- a. The amount of \$25,000.00 representing actual damages for violations and items including emotional distress, mental anguish, frustration, harrassment, embarrassment and violation of privacy.
- b. Equitable relief under statute and common law.
- c. Statutory damages.
- d. Treble damages.
- e. Statutory costs and fees.
- f. Any other equitable relief the court deems appropriate to fully redress Plaintiff's damages.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Tedeschi II In Pro Per

2409 Beacon Hill Drive Rochester Hills, Mi 48309

(248) 652-8765

M. Tedeschi 2409 BEACON HILL DR ROCHESTER HILLS, MI 48309

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#### STATE OF MICHIGAN

#### IN THE 52-3rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

MICHAEL '	<b>TEDESCHI</b>	II.
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Plaintiff,

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Case No. 11-C06150

CONTINENTAL SERVICE GROUP, INC.

Defendant.

MICHAEL TEDESCHI II IN PRO PER 2409 Beacon Hill Drive Rochester Hills, MI 48309 (248) 652-8765

JEFFREY A. SMOLEK (P53565) JEFFREY A. SMOLEK, P.L.L.C. Attorney for Defendant 20 W. Washington St., Suite 4A Clarkston, MI 48346 (248) 625-5373

#### **APPEARANCE**

TO: Clerk of the Court / Michael Tedeschi II

Please enter my appearance as counsel in behalf of Defendant, CONTINENTAL SERVICE GROUP, INC. in the above entitled matter.

JEFFREY A. SMOLEK, P.L.L.C.

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Attorney for Defendant = 20 W. Washington St., Shite 4

Clarkston, MI 48346

(248) 625-5373

Date: October 20, 2011

#### **NOTICE OF APPEARANCE**

TO: Clerk of the Court / Michael Tedeschi II

Please enter my appearance as counsel in behalf of Defendant, CONTINENTAL

SERVICE GROUP, INC. in the above entitled matter.

JEFFREY A. SMOLEK, P.L.L.C.

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JEFFREY A. SMOLEK (P53565)

Attorney for Defendant

20 W. Washington St., Suite 4A

Clarkston, MI 48346

(248) 625-5373

Date: October 20, 2011

#### **Proof of Service**

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing instrument was served upon all parties to the above cause by mailing the same to them at their respective addresses as disclosed by the pleadings of record herein on October 20, 2011. I declare under penalty of perjury that the statement above is true to the best of m knowledge, information, and belief.

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#### STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE 52-3 JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

MICHAEL J. TEDESCHI,	) CASE NO. 11-C06150
Plaintiff,	) )
v.	) )
CONTINENTAL SERVICE GROUP, INC.,	ANSWER OF DEFENDANT
Defendant.	) <u>TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT</u> ) )

Continental Service Group, Inc. ("Defendant"), by counsel, states as follows for its Answer to the Complaint filed by Michael J. Tedeschi, II ("Plaintiff"):

#### FIRST DEFENSE

Defendant is without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations regarding Plaintiff's residence contained in the "Parties" section of the Complaint, and therefore denies said allegations.

Defendant admits that it is a foreign corporation and collection agency operating in Michigan.

- 1. Admitted that on or about 1 April 2011, specifically March 31, 2011, Defendant placed telephone call to 248-652-8765 in an attempt to collect Plaintiff's delinquent account Defendant is without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 1 of the Complaint, and therefore denies said allegations.
- 2. Denied.
- 3. Admitted that on April 4, 2011, Defendant mailed a letter to Plaintiff stating that Plaintiff's delinquent account had been assigned to Defendant by the Department of Education. Admitted that the return address is for the National Payment Center. All other allegations contained in Paragraph 3 are denied.
- 4. Admitted that the April 4, 2011 letter contained Plaintiff's social security number. All other allegations contained in Paragraph 4 are denied in the form and fashion set forth.
- 5. Admitted as to the contents of the April 4, 2011 letter. All other allegations contained in Paragraph 5 are denied.

- 6. Denied.
- 7. Defendant is without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 7 of the Complaint, and therefore denies said allegations.
- 8. Defendant is without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 8 of the Complaint, and therefore denies said allegations.
- 9. Denied.
- 10. Admitted.
- 11. Admitted that Plaintiff sent Defendant a cease and desist letter via facsimile and mail. Denied that Defendant placed over ten telephone calls to Plaintiff. Defendant is without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 11 of the Complaint, and therefore denies said allegations.
- 12. Defendant is without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 12 of the Complaint, and therefore denies said allegations.
- 13. Denied that Plaintiff requested validation of the debt from Defendant. Denied that Defendant was under any obligation to provide validation of the debt. Defendant is without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 13 of the Complaint, and therefore denies said allegations.
- 14. Defendant is without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 14 of the Complaint, and therefore defies said allegations.
- Admitted that Plaintiff mailed a letter to Defendant demanding information regarding the alleged bankruptcy filing. Admitted that Defendant has not responded to the letter. Attorner allegations contained in Paragraph 15 are denied.

## COUNT I Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA)

All allegations incorporated by reference into Count I of Plaintiff's Complaint are admitted and denied in the same manner and to the same extent that said allegations are otherwise admitted and denied herein.

Denied that Defendant violated the FDCPA.

Denied that Plaintiff is entitled to \$1000.00 per violation of each provision above. Denied that Plaintiff is entitled to any damages.

### COUNT II Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991 ("TCPA")

All allegations incorporated by reference into Count II of Plaintiff's Complaint are admitted and denied in the same manner and to the same extent that said allegations are otherwise admitted and denied herein.

Denied that Defendant violated the TCPA. Denied that Defendant engaged in multiple, repeated, willful or intentional violations of the TCPA.

Denied that Plaintiff is entitled to \$500.00 per violation of the TCPA. Denied that Plaintiff is entitled to statutory damages of \$1500.00 per willful or knowing violation of the TCPA.

#### **COUNT III**

Michigan Collection Practices Act ("MCPA")

All allegations incorporated by reference into Count III of Plaintiff's Complaint are admitted and denied in the same manner and to the same extent that said allegations are otherwise admitted and denied herein.

Denied that Defendant violated the MCPA. Denied that Plaintiff suffered damages as a result of Defendant's collection activities.

All other allegations in the Complaint not otherwise specifically admitted or denied herein are denied.

#### ADDITIONAL DEFENSES and PLEADINGS

- 1. Plaintiff failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.
- 2. Any violation of law by Defendant, which is specifically denied, resulted from a bona fide error notwithstanding the maintenance of procedures reasonably adapted to avoid the error.
- 3. Plaintiff failed to mitigate any damages.
- 4. At all pertinent times, Defendant acted in good faith reliance on the information provided by the original creditor of the account at issue.
- 5. At all times Defendant acted in good faith.

- 6. Defendant did not make any false or misleading representation to Plaintiff or anyone else.
- 7. Plaintiff did not justifiably rely upon any alleged false or misleading representation.
- 8. Defendant intends to remove this matter to Federal Court as Plaintiff's allegations raise questions of federal law and, as such, jurisdiction of this matter is proper in Federal Court.

WHEREFORE, Defendant requests that this Court dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint at Plaintiff's cost, and that Defendant be awarded reasonable attorney fees and costs as provided for under applicable law.

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